

Discussion: Matthew Lemme, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, CM Johnson, Legislative Assistant, Ray Manley spoke to the item and gave a slide presentation. The following was discussed.

- Breaking Down the Language Barrier * **(Please see information below regarding DVD)**
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Registration Act
- The year of 2000 – Executive Order 13166 by President Clinton – Extended to all of the federal agencies the requirement and the clarification of the fact that national origin does extend to language excess. A person cannot be denied excess to federal programs based upon their inability to speak or write the English language
- Language Barriers – problems in the Neighborhood, Code Enforcement, Police Department and the Job site
- National Origin refers to Ancestry
 - ✓ Limited to English – LEP
 - ✓ Discrimination against an individual who cannot speak, read, write or understand English
- Recipients
 - ✓ All State are local government, hospitals, police, Unemployment Office, Food Stamps and other state entities must provide LEP individuals rights.
 - ✓ Provide meaningful excess
- Language Barrier in the Judicial Center
- Issues are of great concern when children are involved
- Telephonic interpretation service

CM Johnson stated a college student ask him to look into Title VI. He stated she told him that the Title VI was not part of Metro Government Law presently and it should be. The student has done research of all the contracts and varying pay rates that Metro Government has and she hope the research will provide helpful information where everyone will be on the same page.

Ray Manley stated she was out of town and he will have her Power Point presentation at the next meeting.

Motion to **Table** made by Stuart Benson and Vicki Welch.

CW Woolridge made a motion to Adjourn without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

*** PLEASE NOTE A COPY THE DVD REGARDING “ BREAKING DOWN THE LANGUAGE BARRIER “ CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE.**

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the July 24, 2008 Metro Council Meeting.**

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